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NATIONAL STRIKE AGAINST CHAVEZ WILL BE INDEFINITE

(SBU) Venezuela's main business federation and labor union united with all significant anti-Chavez actors in the country to extend indefinitely the strikes that began April 9, report the media. The strikers are feeling triumphal and intent on seeing things through to the end, comments the Embassy. Oil exports to the U.S. have fallen behind but Venezuela has sufficient crude reserves offshore to pick up the slack for some time, reports the desk.

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